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Remarks

In the Office action mailed September 9, 2003, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-8 drawn to a process for chilling and aging front portions of poultry carcasses, classified in Class 452, subclass 163.
- II. Claims 9-15 drawn to an apparatus for chilling and aging, classified in Class 452, subclass 163.

Pursuant to the Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute the invention of Group I (i.e., claims 1-8). In view of this election, claims 9-15 have been canceled without prejudice to the later filing of a divisional application.

This paper is intended to constitute a full and complete response to the Examiner's Office Action mailed September 9, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,



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